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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: CONTROL DEVICE, COMMUNICATION  
DEVICE FOR CONTROL, RELAY DEVICE,  
CONTROL SYSTEM, CONTROL METHOD,  
CONTROL PROGRAM TO REALIZE  
CONTROL METHOD THEREOF, AND  
COMPUTER-READABLE RECORDING  
MEDIUM HAVING PROGRAM THEREOF  
RECORDED

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Examiner: B. S. Squires

**REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

In reply to the Restriction Requirement dated October 9, 2008, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This reply includes: Amendments to the Claims and Remarks.